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ABRAHAM'S SOLUTION IMPOSSIBLE

In the thirteenth chapter of Genesis we read that "Lot who went with Abraham had flocks and herds and tents. And the land was not able to bear them. And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abraham's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle."

This is why governments are born and courts established and judges seated. Men not only own flocks but like to flock together. We are gregarious beings: by nature we like to be near other people. But nearness is likely to cause friction in human beings as well as in machinery. There are two ways to cure friction. One is to remove the things that are touching each other.

That is the way that Abraham solved the trouble between his herdmen and Lot's: he let Lot go in one direction and he went in the other. Of course, that is only possible when there is plenty of land and very few people. It is the method of the pioneer. When Daniel Boone in the wilds of Kentucky heard that a family had built a cabin over seventy miles from his own he said to his wife, "Come on, old woman, we must get out of here, it is getting too crowded for me." So he pushed on farther west for elbow-room.

But removing is not always possible nor is it the best solution; for man develops better when he is near

his fellows and sinks in the scale of civilization when he lives a solitary wanderer separated from them. There is another method. It is the method of the mechanic. When there is friction in his machine he adjusts the parts and pours in oil. So men also must adjust their differences in the world by governments and by courts.

It is pleasanter, more profitable and safer for men to live together, but they cannot live peacefully unless there is a higher power to settle their inevitable conflicts of purpose and desire such as the disputes over boundaries and water-supplies that arose to cause friction between even such good neighbors as Abraham and Lot. Men soon find when they live near each other that there must be rules accepted by each, and some impartial judge to decide disagreements and to enforce the rules.

But when rules are being made there are bound to be two ideas about them: some want them firm and some want them loose. So of old some said the rules should regulate every detail of each individual's life and conduct, others said that the individual should be let alone as much as possible to have his own way, the group never directing but interfering only when absolutely necessary as a sort of umpire or referee.

Twenty-five hundred years ago in Athens a great thinker—perhaps the world's greatest—taught that the group should regulate the whole life of the individual. We call that socialism. But he also taught that the regulators should be trained philosophers. We call that aristocracy.

But Plato's ideas were not adopted. His contemporaries admired his brains but preferred the view of other more "practical" teachers called Sophists, who taught that governments should keep hands off, let men do as they liked and get all they could, for in the end that would work better than regulation. That view is what we call individualism.

The ancient controversy is still loudly resounding in Washington, London, Ottawa and Melbourne. Most recognize the need for partial regulation, but argue violently over

how much. It is such an extremely difficult matter to hold the balance true that men ought to agree that each side has a right to its opinion and stop calling names and impugning the motives or discounting the patriotism of each other. There is one thing we can't do and that is to solve our problem by Abraham's method, the method of isolation with no regulation at all, for that way lies anarchy.

Nor can we solve by isolation the other problem that confronts us, the problem of the friction that arises between two governments or nations when modern transportation has brought them next door to each other. Like families who must live in a crowded city, nations cannot keep at a distance from each other. They cannot separate like Abraham and Lot. They must make adjustments if they are to live in peace.

And there again two schools of thought arise. One advocates strong rules and regulations, the other wishes to leave each nation free to go its own way with such minimum of interference that it will not have to give up any of its "rights" or circumscribe its desires.

There are the two extremes again. But the great body of our people stand in between and want some adjustment, some co-operation. They are willing to give up a bit of their freedom in order that the machinery of civilization may work smoothly. Thank God that our people are thinking so seriously about this adjustment and that those in high places are working so diligently. Thank Him also that the Church which has taught this for years can provide the oil that will make the machinery work. For the Christian religion mediates to mankind the spirit of brotherhood without which not even the most cleverly contrived international agreements can survive. We cannot adopt the way of Abraham; we must follow the way of Christ who lived in a crowded country and proclaimed the possibility of a social order based upon the ideals of sacrifice and service, in which "the chief ambition of every citizen should be, not to be ministered unto but to minister."

The Church News

OBJECT 1. To promote Unity of Diocesan Life by disseminating news of the Diocese, its institutions, parishes and missions, and by printing letters and pastorals by the Bishop from time to time. 2. To promote the Missionary and Benevolent Work of the Diocese by publishing reports and appeals, and by recording current news and events.

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The Bishop's Message

This message is written from the General Convention. When the House of Bishops opened its sessions all the bishops who had been consecrated since the last meeting were formally presented. I had the honor of being presented by Bishop Perry. At the Joint Session on Sunday, October 3rd, Mrs. John E. Hill spoke for the Woman's Auxiliary and did it splendidly. The Pennsylvania delegates were proud of their representative. A very moving address was made by Bishop Y. Y. Tsu, Bishop of Kunming in Southwest China. Bishop Tsu expressed his special thanks to the Woman's Auxiliary of Pennsylvania for a gift sent through Mrs. William H. Jefferys. He paid a glowing tribute to our aviators in China and spoke feelingly of the deepening friendship between our two countries.

The speakers at the Joint Session plead with the Convention to adopt a budget that would capture the imagination of the Church. The budget submitted by the National Council is far below the amount suggested by many. For the first time in my memory the General Convention Committee on Program and Budget (of which Mr. Reed Morgan, one of our deputies, was a member) increased the budget submitted by our National Council. Usually they have decreased it. The Convention also decided to apportion to the various Dioceses and Missionary Districts the sum needed to execute the budget. This apportionment was based upon the current expenses of each Diocese and District for the previous six-year period. The apportionment thus assigned to our Diocese is one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00).

How shall we secure such an amount? An easy answer would be

to get each one of our seventy-five thousand communicants to contribute two dollars a year or five cents a week. This seems to be a ridiculously small amount and the answer to be a simple one. But the facts are otherwise.



In the first place many of our communicants do not contribute regularly to the support of the Church, Parish, Diocese, or General Church. In the second place the amount to missions is divided between the Diocese and General Church. In the third place the practice in many of our parishes is for the vestry to decide what amount the parish will give toward the apportionment. We, therefore, have to ask another question, "How shall we deal with these obstacles?" I shall try to make a few suggestions, dealing with the obstacles in reverse order.

THE CHURCH NEWS is unfortunately read by only a very small

percentage of our communicants. I have no idea of how many vestrymen will read this article. I shall appreciate it if rectors and others, who do read it, will call their vestrymen's attention to it. Obviously if a vestry takes upon itself the great responsibility of determining how much the parishioners shall be allowed to give through regular channels to the work of the Church beyond the parish, then it is its solemn responsibility to give vigorous leadership in making that contribution over-generous. I hope that parishes will make full use of our eight deputies and Women's Auxiliary delegates to speak about the General Convention to vestries, men's clubs, auxiliaries and other parish organizations. Vestries should also take special care that the Every Member Canvass is thoroughly and effectively conducted. If the Canvass has already been conducted, vestries should examine the results and see if any supplemental follow-up is indicated.

The second obstacle between the individual giver and the work conducted under the direction of our National Council is the division of funds between the Diocese and General Church. This is mainly an administrative problem. At present we divide such funds on a 50-50 basis. Perhaps we can adopt a 60-40 basis—60% for the General Church and 40% for the Diocese. This will mean the consolidation of some of our diocesan work but I am confident that we can carry on without affecting the effectiveness of the work. I plan to give intense study this winter to our diocesan program and to ask your aid in this study.

In regard to the third obstacle, may I say that I am fully aware of the fact that you who read THE CHURCH NEWS are regular support-

ers of your parish, your Diocese and your General Church. The difficulty is not really that our communicants are not giving enough. The difficulty is that many of them are not giving at all. Every communicant should be approached with a request that he give regularly for the support of the Church's work. This should be done, not by the rector alone, but by devoted, well-trained and informed laymen. One diocese reports that during 1942 a large number of lapsed communicants were reclaimed by having in every parish in the diocese an active committee whose work was, under the direction of rector and vestry, to try to reach personally all inactive communicants. What plan have you in your parish for keeping in touch with all your communicants? Is the plan effective?

I should also like to call your attention to the fact that our Diocese has been given a post of honor. At the front, troops who are seasoned and whose ability has been clearly demonstrated are generally assigned to a place in the battle where the fighting will be most severe. These places are called "posts of honor." The quota of a diocese is first figured on a mathematical basis. Then that quota is lessened or increased according to the ability and interest shown by that diocese in the past. Our mathematical quota was \$145,000.00. We have been assigned a plus quota of \$5,000.00, making our total \$150,000.00. It is interesting to note that most of the dioceses in this province were assigned plus quotas.

Comparison of figures within this province shows that we rank second in the amount given per communicant for the General Church program. Delaware leads and we come second with \$1.55 per communicant per year. By congregation we rank first, having given in 1942 \$530.13 per congregation. We are proud of the position which this Diocese has already attained but we are not satisfied with it. We are glad that our women led the whole Church in the amount of their United Thank Offering but that joy is tempered by the realization that we have not given our mathematical share of the General Church's missionary budget. As much as we love to have a part in special offerings and to contribute to special objects in which we are interested, it is our primary re-

sponsibility to see to it that the Diocese does its full share toward the general budget. A budget may be a very uninteresting thing but after all it is a most carefully thought out estimate of doing what those who know best think should be done.

In 1943 we pledged to the General Church program about \$110,000.00. Our 1944 quota of \$150,000.00 is, therefore, an increase of \$40,000.00. It is felt by some that if we are going to increase our quota for the General Church by \$40,000.00, we ought to increase our diocesan budget by a like amount. I do not see the force of this argument but it is a matter which the Executive Council of the diocese will have dealt with before this message appears in print. I think that we should secure the help of a larger number of our laymen to make a very careful evaluation of our diocesan work. We may find that without hurting the work we can make certain consolidations, eliminate other places and move others to

more strategic locations. Our diocesan program should be based on actual needs as they exist today and not on the mathematical relationship of our diocesan budget to the quota for the General Church.

Mrs. John E. Hill was elected to serve on the National Council and Mrs. Alfred Chapman was elected to serve on the Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary. The whole diocese is honored by these two elections. The 1946 Convention will be held in San Francisco. I hope that we will be able to have the 1949 Convention in Philadelphia.

The General Convention has given us a program which means a definite step forward in the Master's service. The answer to its success or failure is in your hands. If you will give your best to God, you need not worry about the results. Leave results, where they belong, in God's hands.

Oliver Hart



THE BISHOP'S WIFE

According to St. Paul a bishop's wife should be "serious, not a gossip, temperate and absolutely trustworthy." Mrs. Hart is well qualified for the office even according to the Apostolic standards. Fortunately for the Diocese she is all that and something more. Like most of the wives of the clergy she is a woman of real and even eager kindness, who takes the trouble to be pleasant with everybody, and who thinks it her business, to help and to serve.

Surely there is no group of women in the United States who surpass the wives of Episcopal ministers in culture, graciousness and kindness. And there is no influence in a community so wholesome as the average rectory—a wholesomeness due in larger part to the Rector's wife than himself. The wives of bishops have a hard task. They have to be both host and guest more often than other women, and are set on a higher throne with a stronger light beating upon them. Life is much more crowded. But so too are their opportunities greater, and especially the opportunity which a good wife desires above all, the opportunity to be a help to her husband.

Mrs. Hart, the daughter of a former Dean of the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania, is a native of North Carolina, and a graduate of Smith College, who had the good fortune before her marriage of being secretary to an uncle who was Bishop of South Carolina. So it is not a new experience for her to be the unofficial secretary and confidant of a bishop. She likes golf and swimming, is very happy in a garden, is fond of music and reading, and naturally loves above all the work of the Church. The Diocese is most fortunate in its Episcopal family, the Bishop, his wife, and their son.

Personalities and Realities in Cleveland

Sunday morning, and the opening service of General Convention . . . crowded expectancy in the pews of beautiful Trinity Cathedral as the long procession of choirs, of clergy and bishops, of crosses and flags wends its way up the long aisle to places in the chancel. . . . Hoods worn by so many, evidence of honors received, were in marked contrast to the unadorned robes worn by the Presiding Bishop as he brought up the end of the colorful procession. . . . Tall and gaunt, one could not fail to be sensible of his simplicity, his sincerity, and his serenity. . . . He stands in the great carved pulpit and proclaims his message to his people: "No man is beyond redemption; if he does not get it, it is our fault. We live in a world that is redeemed in principle, it is our duty to see that it is redeemed in fact." . . . His slogan for the Church: "Through World Evangelism to World Fellowship in Christ." . . . His fresh naivety and humor was revealed when at the Joint Session he introduced the Mayor of Cleveland as the Mayor of Detroit, he said: "Well, you see, in the part of the nation that I come from, we don't know much about the rest of the country." . . . His pride as a Virginian is delightful!

In a service of majestic solemnity the women of the Church laid on the altar the greatest United Thank Offering in the history of the Woman's Auxiliary: \$1,119,878.91. Quoting from the Triennial Daily: "No wonder there's a smile on the face of Mrs. A. Disston Rile, of Philadelphia. She is Custodian of the U. T. O. in Pennsylvania." Be it added that our Diocese again led all others with an offering of \$84,531.17.

Our Mrs. John E. Hill was singled out by Bishop Tucker to address a Joint Session, the third woman ever to be so honored. . . . We were proud of her, very proud, as she stood with the afternoon sun streaming on her, and, without notes, and in clear, steady voice, addressed the Church. She made a real impression upon her hearers. She was later elected, one of the four women, to serve on the National Council. . . . Mrs. Alfred Chapman, also from

this Diocese, was the Parliamentarian of the Triennial, and she was elected to the National Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Rev. Samuel M. Calvert, of the Federal Council of Churches, drew a stark picture of the churches in the occupied countries of Europe, warning that our European friends want to know whether we are preparing to deal with such actualities. Through the eyes of a Negro layman, Dr. Harold L. Trigg, we saw how he looked at and to his Church for help for his people, confident in her purpose and her power to achieve. We saw the American scene ably depicted by Mr. Charles Taft, and know more of the challenge offered in the crowded defense areas in this country.

All the way from China came Bishop Y. Y. Tsu, who, in fluent English, told us that the leadership coming out of Christian homes today in China, is out of all proportion to the size of the Church's work there. How he implored us to help strengthen the Christian work there. Lovely little Dr. Wu Li-Fang, President of Gingling College, also came by sampan and plane over fifteen hundred miles to tell

us how much Christians are needed for the new world order. One wonders if the revitalizing vision, and power that the Church so much needs may not come from the Orient, where indeed it had its origin. And some were there, too, from Alaska, Africa, Hawaii, Cuba, and Puerto Rico, as well as fraternal delegates from Japan and the Philippines. What a thrill the roll call gave!

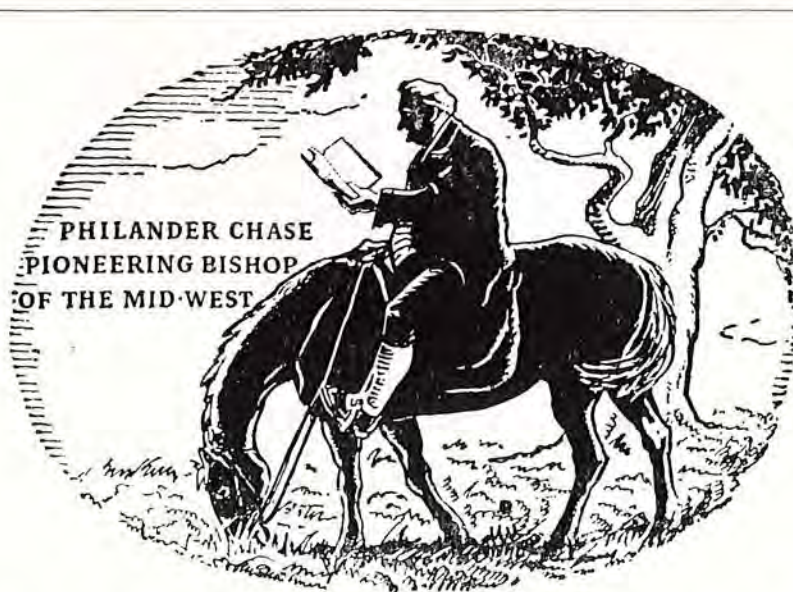
There are shocking implications in the fact that forty to fifty vacancies exist in the mission field with no applicants.

Opportunities and responsibilities such as the Church has never had before present themselves, yet Mr. Lewis B. Franklin warns of the great decline in missionary giving. For example, in 1920 it was \$2.73 per capita per year, in 1943 only 91c. Victory after the war will not bring the world we seek, it will but give the opportunity to bring it about.

Bishop Hart showed us that Pennsylvania has been given a Post of Honor in the new Forward in Service budget, to meet the great Christian offensive proposed by the Presiding Bishop.

"The Kingdom is both a gift and a task—surely a task for men, but essentially and ultimately a gift from God."

ELLEN FRAIZER TILDEN.



Adopted as Insignia for the 54th Triennial General Convention of the Episcopal Church, held in Cleveland, O., in October, drawing by George G. Adomeit, Cleveland artist, shows Philander Chase, first Bishop of Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, on his horse, Cincinnatus. In Bishop Chase's period, 1819-1831, he traveled constantly on horseback, usually reading as he rode.

Woman's Auxiliary

MRS. T. EARLE STOCTON, *Publicity Chairman*

President's Message

I feel that the following "Emphases" from the Report of the Continuation Committee, give the spirit of the Triennial Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary.

OBJECTIVES

The Presiding Bishop's slogan, "Through World Evangelism to World Fellowship in Christ," was accepted as a primary objective for the days ahead. Growing out of and contained within this main objective are two others, namely: (1) Revitalization of the Missionary Program, and (2) Integration of Christian principles in the whole fabric of life.

EMPHASES

Conscious of the gravity of the problems that have resulted in and issued from a global war, the women of the Church are determined to face these problems from a positive viewpoint, to accept them as a challenge and a glorious opportunity to witness for Christ. Indicative of this attitude are the following stated emphases, namely, (1) to change all un-Christian attitudes, particularly intolerance and lack of understanding of racial groups; (2) to bridge the gap between the stimulation of a Triennial meeting and the application of its message in parish and mission, (3) to make concrete preparation to meet the needs of the post-war world, looking toward a just and lasting peace.

Bishop Hart has pointed out to us that Pennsylvania has a great privilege and a great task in the share that has been assigned to it in the "Great Christian Offensive." We must not fail.

MARGARET PACKARD.

United Thank Offering

The Diocesan Fall Presentation Service, sponsored by the United Thank Offering and the Department of Christian Education of the Woman's Auxiliary, was held on Tuesday evening, September 28th, at St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

This was the last In-gathering before General Convention, so it held a special interest for all of us. We

missed Bishop Taitt at the service for he was always present and took such an interest in the United Thank Offering. Bishop Hart holds the Thank Offering in high esteem, and accepted and presented the offering at the altar. Dean Shryock read the lesson as a representative of Forward in Service. Dr. Nathanael B. Groton was the preacher and the service was conducted by the Rev. Alfred W. Price, D.D., Rector of St. Stephen's.

The Junior women took charge of the ushering and offering. The music was particularly fine, under the able leadership of Dr. H. Alexander Matthews.

The fall offering from this Diocese was \$14,360.11 and the total offering for the Triennium from this Diocese was \$84,531.17. The grand total of the national offering for this Triennium was \$1,119,878.91. This was the largest offering ever presented, and the Diocese of Pennsylvania was at the top of the list in giving.

Elizabeth Price Martin League

We are now making plans for our usual Christmas work at the hospital. We ask you to do your bit of service by gathering together your practical packages, securely and attractively wrapped, or by sending money to purchase articles for the packages. Miss Loretta M. Johnson has requested the same type of sensible package as in the past, containing needed articles not supplied by the Hospital; namely, for women—a face cloth, a cake of scented soap, talcum powder, box of tissues, and box of candy; for men—the same except substitute cigarettes or smoking tobacco for talcum powder. Packages should be marked "man" or "woman." It will be a big help, too, if a group would like to adopt half a ward and send the carton to us ready for delivery. Communicate with Mrs. F. S. Fox, Trinity 3166, for assignment. Please send any money donations to Mrs. Walter Willard, Treasurer, 40 Carpenter Lane, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia.

This year there will be an important change in the assembling of gifts. This will be done at the Divinity School. Packages should be

sent to Mrs. John Neill, 4205 Spruce Street, any time during the week, but if Sunday is the only convenient time call Mrs. Neill and make an appointment. The deadline for these packages will be December 20th.

The members of the League will meet at the Divinity School, 4205 Spruce Street, Tuesday, December 21st, from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M., to assemble the gifts.

Church League for the Isolated

The opening meeting of our League on September 24th was truly an inspirational one, made so by the reverence and feeling which Rev. Mr. Gilbert brought to the Communion service, and the meditation which followed.

It is our hope and will be our endeavor in our work among the sick and shut-ins, "That speaking the truth in love, we may grow up into Him, in all things, which is the head, even Christ."

Our next meeting will be on Friday, November 19th, at 10:30 A. M., in Room No. 1 at the Church House.

Bishop Hart will write the Christmas Letter, which Bishop Taitt wrote for so many years, to our shut-ins and isolated, which means so much to them.

Devotional Committee

November 3—Devotional Committee meeting, 12 noon. Regular monthly meeting, Bishop's Chapel, subject, "Prayer." 1:15 P. M., Planning Committee luncheon, Women's City Club.

November 6—Quiet Evening, St. Margaret's House; telephone, Victor 4612; Conductor, Rev. Peter C. Van der Hiel. First Meditation, 4:30 P. M. Closes with Compline, 9 P. M.

November 11—Church-wide Day of Prayer. The practice of Intercessions on this day has so commended itself to other Christian women that many churches of other denominations will join with us this year in a common service of prayer and study on the War and the Peace Material available.

December 7—Quiet Day, St. Margaret's House; Conductor, Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, D.D. Holy Eucharist, 8:30 A. M. First Meditation, 10:15 A. M. Closing at 3:15 P. M.

It is hoped that all those prevented from attending the Woman's Auxiliary Retreat because of parish duties, can avail themselves of one of these Quiet Times at St. Margaret's. Please make reservations directly with Sister Ethelwyn, St. Margaret's House, 5414 Germantown Avenue; telephone, Victor 4612.

CLERICAL DEPUTY'S LETTER

Dear Editor:

The first gathering of General Convention at Cleveland was on Saturday morning at 7:30 A. M. when all the Bishops, Clerical and Lay Delegates and the members of the Woman's Auxiliary filled the lovely Gothic Cathedral of the Diocese for the opening service and Corporate Communion. A number of choirs, the diocesan clergy and a group of Bishops entered in procession, with Bishop Tucker, the Presiding Bishop, the Celebrant of the Choral Eucharist. It was a glorious service, beautifully rendered, and thrilled us all as we went to receive Holy Communion.

We are having two sessions each day, 10 to 1 and 2:30 to 5:30, with one on Sunday afternoons and again one in the evening. Last Sunday we had the pleasure of having Mrs. John Hill, of our own Diocese, address a joint session of Bishops and Delegates, and she was splendid. Then on Monday morning the Woman's Auxiliary delegates and many others, men and women, crowded the Cathedral when the Woman's United Thank Offering was presented, the largest ever, \$1,119,878.91. The women of Pennsylvania, as well as the delegates, were proud of our diocesan gift, \$84,531.17, a sum leading all other dioceses.

The high spots of business enacted thus far are the granting votes to Suffragan-Bishops, extension of age limit for the Presiding Bishop, so that Bishop Tucker may remain in office; continuance of the conversations with Presbyterians and other Christian bodies seeking a plan for unity; a new and improved lectionary of Lessons for Morning and Evening Prayer; acceptance of a fine report on reconstruction after the war; the keeping of our present Canon on Marriage, and in the House of Deputies the passage of a resolution permitting the use of Intinction in Holy Communion or in one kind, as the Bishop might authorize. This latter was referred to Lambeth Council for their expression by the House of Bishops.

Every evening we have dinners where business is transacted or discussions engaged in. Last evening the men and women from our Diocese met together to discuss plans for action at home where we must act to raise the quota of \$150,000

assigned Pennsylvania for work of the National Church. Tonight I presided at a dinner of the Alumni of the Divinity School with twenty-one alumni present, of whom eight were Bishops. Tomorrow night I will represent Pennsylvania at the dinner of the National Forward in Service Commission. There has been a splendid spirit of loyalty to the Church, unanimity of spirit, and a manifested desire to do nothing except what God would have us do for His Church. I consider it a great privilege to lead the delegates of our great Diocese at this most inspiring General Convention.

Faithfully yours,

JAMES M. NIBLO.

CLERICAL BROTHERHOOD PLANS

The Clerical Brotherhood was organized in 1881 to provide the clergy "opportunities for free discussion of subjects of general, diocesan, and parochial interest." All Episcopal clergymen are welcomed. Meetings are held each Monday morning in the Church House at 11:30 A. M., for one hour.

To widen the scope and interest of the meetings, a planning committee has been appointed as follows: Rev. Ralph E. Coonrad, Theology; Rev. Herbert W. Jones, Parochial Problems; Rev. William Lewis Ziadie, Social Service; Rev. Nathanael B. Groton, Missions.

Speakers scheduled for November and December include: Rev. Frederick W. Blatz, "Christian Education"; Mr. J. E. Blanton, "Vorhees Industrial School of South Carolina"; Rev. Frank Damrosch, "The New Hymnal"; Miss Ella Harris, "Social Work Structure of the Community"; Rev. Reuel L. Howe, "Inductive Approach to the Study of Theology"; Rev. John McGarvey, "Symbolism of a Theological Principle."

CHURCHWOMAN'S CLUB ANNUAL BAZAAR

The Churchwoman's Club is preparing for their annual Bazaar, to be given on Tuesday, November 30th. If you have any articles, such as tea towels, hand towels, pillows, hankies, glass or silverware, jewelry, baked goods, sugar, coffee, cakes or candy, call Mrs. Thomas Walker at the Club any afternoon, or leave a message with Mrs. Deakyne in CHURCH NEWS office. Lunch, tea and supper will be served.

ENTHRONEMENT OF BISHOP HART

In the Chapel of the Cathedral Church of Christ, Roxborough, at 11 A. M. on St. Matthew's Day, September 21, 1943, a service was held for the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Oliver James Hart as the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Most of the clergy of the Diocese were present, together with an equal number of lay men and women. Rev. Ernest C. Earp, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, presided at the service and conducted the Bishop to his seat, after certificates of election and consecration had been read by Mr. Samuel F. Houston, of the Standing Committee.

Celebration of Holy Communion

A festival Te Deum was sung by a choir of the clergy, under the direction of Rev. N. H. Caley, and Bishop Hart proceeded with a service of Holy Communion, assisted by Rev. Stanley R. West, Epistler, and Rev. Nathanael B. Groton, D.D., Gospeler. The sermon was preached by Rev. Chauncey E. Snowden, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Overbrook.

Greetings From Canterbury

On the same day, in many parish churches, prayers were offered for the Bishop, and the following message has been received from the Dean of Canterbury Cathedral, England: "Here in the Cathedral Church of Christ in Canterbury, prayer was today offered with the Divine Oblation for you and your Diocese, with thanksgiving for our fellowship in the Gospel. The Lord watch over your going out and your coming in. The Bishop of Pennsylvania. Christo regnante deo et domino in perpetuum Jesus. (Anglo-Saxon Charter, 942 A. D.) Hewlett Johnson, Dean, Celebrant."

Clergy Conference

After a buffet luncheon, Bishop Hart called the clergy together for a conference in the Chapel, when he expressed the desire that the wonderful spirit of co-operation and fellowship which he has found among both the clergy and laity be extended and developed.

Department of Christian Education

Diocesan Youth Convention

The Annual Diocesan Youth Convention will be held on Saturday, December 4th, at the Christian Association with the Rev. Frederick Arterton, Executive Secretary of the Youth Division of the National Council as the principal speaker. Parishes will be asked to send delegates who will represent all youth in their church. There will be a special part of the program for advisers of youth. This Diocese has trailed other dioceses in the matter of trained advisers to work with our youth groups. This, the Youth Commission is trying to rectify, and are urging adults who are working with youth to come to the Youth Convention and meet with Mr. Arterton. Some parishes have no lay youth advisers. These parishes are being urged to appoint youth advisers in time for them to attend this meeting.

School of Christian Education

Bishop Ludlow, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Newark, will be the speaker in the course, "Six Pillars of Peace," on November 16th. The following Tuesday the speaker at this course will be the Rev. Frederick Blatz and on November 30th the Rev. William H. Melish will close the series. Each evening the speakers and the panel discuss one of the "Six Pillars of Peace" which were formulated by the Commission to Study the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace.

Book Review

Climbers of the Steep Ascent, by Mary Jenness. Cloister Press. Leader's Guide, \$.50. Pupil's Reader, \$.50.

The Cloister Series of Church School Courses is nearing completion. Since 1938 when the first course came out, called "Now we are going to School," for the first grade course, all grades through Junior-High have been published. Now comes one for Senior-High students—and in that difficult subject of Church history. Time will tell whether this is the Church history course that will catch the interest of boys and girls. As all the courses in this series are tried out in regular Church School classes before they are published gives us some assurance of their worth. The approach is through great figures in

Church History. The characters live and the author gives enough background to keep them in the history of the world of their time. The pupil's reading book makes a good reading book for anyone as it consists of stories about the Church leaders the author has chosen to use to tell the story of the Church.

United We Make America. A Girls' Friendly Society Packet. \$.35.

Some of the best material for youth groups comes from the G. F. S. Most of it can be used in all kinds of groups. "United We Make America" is one of these and follows the Mission Study Topic for this year. It tackles three problems that Christians should be taking a lead in solving right now, i. e., better relations between races and all peoples making up our country. The material is full of good suggestions for study, meetings and worship.

Christian Education Units. National Council. \$.25 each.

The four new units published by the National Council this fall are for the 5th and 6th grades. The one called "Let's Know Our Hymnal" is by Miss Helen McHenry, of this Diocese, and is the first attempt, I think, to use hymns as a basis for study. It would be usable with junior choirs as well as in Church School classes. "Let's Use Our Bible" has many helpful suggestions for ten sessions introducing the Bible in a way that would make the boys and girls want to use it. "Let's Be Neighbors" and "Let's Use Our Talents" deal with everyday problems of this age, and would need a more resourceful teacher than the other two.

TO STUDY WORLD PEACE

Bishop Hart has organized a committee consisting of himself as chairman, Louis M. Washburn as vice-chairman, and Miss Elizabeth P. Frazier as secretary to promote the study of World Order. On six Tuesday evenings, October 19th to November 30th, there will be special speakers and panel discussion at the Church House on "A Just and Durable Peace," and it is hoped that parish groups also will be formed. Already over fifty parishes have started such study.

It is planned to co-operate with the Federal Council of the Churches in their meetings at the Arch Street Methodist Church, Broad and Arch Streets, all day November 2nd, at which the leaders are Rev. Elmore McKee, of St. George's Church, New York; Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, of Chicago University, and Mr. Paul Limbert, of the National Y. M. C. A.

Diocesan News

Rev. William Chauncey Emhart has resigned as Vicar of the Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary, Broad and South Streets, Philadelphia, and is living at Oceanville, N. J.

Rev. Wallace M. Pennepacker, formerly assistant at St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., is now assistant at the Chapel of the Mediator, 51st and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia.

Rev. John A. Schultz, formerly assistant at Grace Church, White Plains, N. Y., and master at St. Edmund's School, Stockbridge, Mass., is now on the staff of St. Clement's Church, Philadelphia.

Rev. Howard E. Davis has recently become assistant at Calvary Church, Germantown.

Rev. Edmund B. Wood, Rector of St. Timothy's Church, Roxborough, is Vice-President of the Associate Alumni of the General Theological Seminary for the Third Province; Rev. Edmund H. Carhart, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Frankford, is Treasurer of the Association; Rev. William J. Alberts, Rector of Christ Church, Media, is a member of the Association's Executive Committee.

Rev. James McClintock has recovered from his illness and is again engaged in supply work.

Rev. John Robert Crockett, formerly Rector of St. Paul's Church, Aramingo, became Rector of Christ Church, Riverton, N. J., on October 17th.

Mr. Frederick B. Sponsler, formerly associated with St. Peter's Choir School, Philadelphia, and Brace Church, Merchantville, N. J., has been appointed organist and choirmaster at St. Paul's Church, Chester, Pa.

The Rev. Ralph E. Coonrad, Vicar of St. John's Church, Germantown, announced on October 20th that the church had paid off all its indebtedness and created a small reserve fund for necessary improvements.

Mrs. S. Lord Gilbertson, widow of the former Rector of St. James' Church, Kingessing, died on October 1st and was buried in the churchyard on Tuesday, October 11th.

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Bishop Taitt Memorial Services

The Rev. Crosswell McBea was the special speaker at the solemn memorial service for Bishop Taitt in Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, October 17th, at 8 P. M. He was one of Bishop Taitt's oldest and dearest friends and spoke out of many years close association and very deep affection. He said in part:

"If one word could be rightly descriptive of Bishop Taitt, it would seem to be the adjective 'remarkable.' His life as a whole, and in many of its parts, his character as a whole, and in many of its elements, was indeed remarkable; the symmetrical combination in him of essential qualities was remarkable, as was his work during the long period of sixty years.

"Attempted proofs of God have often taken form in philosophic and theistic argument. More practical and convincing are the practical living proofs apparent in the individual Christian man, the embodiment of God's beauty and truth through Christ, explained by the imparted grace of Christ and in no other way.

"'Hast thou observed my servant Job,' said God in ancient times with quizzical confidence. Today God might so interrogate a skeptical inquirer or a devout truth seeker, 'Hast thou observed my servant, Francis Taitt?' 'and other servants, in their degree no less convincing as effects of my divine existence?'

"In respect of duty and of his work as Priest, as Dean, and as Bishop, Bishop Taitt was absolutely consecrated. Which is to say that his will was resolute and ever inflexibly bent in conformity with the will of God. This consciousness of doing God's will gave him power to meet every call and do every task.

"Bishop Taitt was effective because his character was self consistent. Personality implies unity. Unity the Bishop surely possessed. He understood well his personal principles and he had thorough knowledge of the premises, principles and doctrines of the Episcopal Church. He believed them, he was loyal to them, and for them he was zealous.

"Scripture assures us of the surrounding cloud of witnesses. Somewhere in the very front rank of that assemblage, who mark our progress in the race we run, our successes in the obstacles we overcome, our triumphs which, as Chris-

tians, we win, stands Francis Marion Taitt.

"A prince once spake of a Monarch slain,
Taller he seems in death."

The committee in charge of the service—originally planned as a testimonial of affection upon his retirement—were Rev. C. H. Snowden, D.D., Rev. James M. Niblo, D.D., and Mr. Samuel F. Houston, and the master of ceremonies was the Rev. Charles H. Long. Dr. Salmon, Rector of the Church, also took part in the service.

In the large congregation were many who had been confirmed by Bishop Taitt and who were eager to have a share in the memorial offering to one whom they remembered as a beloved father in God.



A BELOVED BISHOP

BISHOP TAITT MEMORIAL FUND

Endowment of the Episcopate

Receipts to October 19th:

Cash	\$11,722.11
Bonds and Sav. Stamps	6,571.44
Monies received by churches not yet forwarded to Church House	1,470.00

Total\$19,763.55

Books will remain open for further contributions. Bishop Hart is pleased with this free-will offering, since it represents gifts given without the pressure of a drive.

C. H. L.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP

Early in September the Annual President's Conference was held at Camp Taitt, Quakertown. The group this year was probably smaller than ever before—due largely to many of our young men being in the armed forces. Plans were formulated at this conference for the year's work, which we hope will prove very successful.

The Thank Offering boxes have again been distributed this year. Anyone wishing to have one of these boxes please contact Frank Baylor, 2216 Spruce Street, Philadelphia.

Many of the Y. P. F. girls are helping with the work at the St. Stephen's Service Club.

241st ANNIVERSARY

One of our oldest churches, St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, celebrated its 241st anniversary with a week of services and social gatherings from October 24th to 31st. On October 24th, Rev. Francis C. Steinmetz was preacher and celebrated the Holy Communion. On October 27th at 8 P. M., there were moving pictures on Mexico, followed by a social hour, and refreshments by the Ladies' Auxiliary. On October 31st at 10:45 A. M., the pastor, Rev. Melvin M. Heckler, preached, and at 8 P. M., Rev. Charles W. Shreiner was the preacher and celebrant.

100th ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JAMES, DOWNINGTOWN

The 100th anniversary of St. James Church, Downingtown, will be celebrated with a service on Sunday, October 31st, at 3 P. M. Addresses will be made by the Very Rev. Charles W. Shreiner, D.D., Dean of the Chester Convocation, and by Canon Joseph H. Earp, D.D., of St. John's Cathedral, Wilmington, Del., and who was rector of the Church in Downingtown from 1904-1911. The choir will render special music composed for the occasion by Robert Elmore, organist of Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia. A reception will follow the service, at which time an exhibit will be held of old prints and articles related to the history of the parish.

The Church was consecrated on October 26, 1843, by the late Bishop Onderdonk.

Girls' Friendly Society

Fifty Branches and thirty-eight Junior Classes of the G. F. S. in Pennsylvania face the coming season with energy and enthusiasm. Most program emphasis will be laid upon War Service activities and study of conditions affecting women and girls in a nation at war. A basis for such a study is offered in the new program material just released by the National Society—"United We Make America"—and it will be amplified by the personal experiences of so many leaders and members who are in war jobs, both paid and volunteer.

A *Thank Offering* for the blessings of safety and decent living, vouchsafed to America throughout these war years, will be made at the annual Corporate Communion—G. F. S. - U. S. A., observed by all Branches on Sunday, November 7th. It is hoped that every Associate, Member and Junior will give to this as they are able. The gift will be used for the work of the Society in this Diocese, no appeal for its own needs having been made for nearly two years.

The summer at the Cape May Holiday House cannot pass unnoticed, being the largest season experienced there. More than five hundred guests shared the generous hospitality, including one hundred and twenty-five Juniors, who took possession during the entire month of July. Much credit must be given to the Chairman and House Mother, Mrs. William W. Cardwell, and the Chairman for Juniors, Miss Caroline Wagner, together with their corps of helpers who, throughout a hot summer, with rationed and shortened supplies of food, carried on so magnificently. One must *see* and *share* in the life of this House to realize its possibilities and accomplishments.

The first diocesan event for the new year will take place on Saturday afternoon, November 6th, at 3 P. M., when Deaconess Johnson, of the City Mission staff, will conduct a Quiet Hour for the Society in Old St. Paul's Chapel, Third and Walnut Streets.



MRS. JOHN E. HILL
New Member of National Council.

IVY LEAGUE SENDS CHRISTMAS CHEER

The Ivy League, an association made up of the relatives of the men and women now in the Armed Services from Christ Church at Second Street above Market, mailed more than 125 Christmas boxes to their sons and husbands and brothers and sisters. A picture of the members of the League taken in the Churchyard, was tucked in along with the other gifts.

The purposes of the League are four-fold: (1) the development of a closer fellowship among its members; (2) the deepening of their spiritual life; (3) the consideration of ways and means of being of service to members of the military establishments, who visit Christ Church, and (4) the League's chief goal, to make ready for the time when those now in service from the Parish return to take their places in the fellowship.

Plans for the home-coming of members include the study of the bases of a just and righteous peace; opportunities for their inclusion in the work of the Church and their rehabilitation in the economic structure of the post-war world. Christ Church has 138 of its members, among whom there are three women, in the service of the country.

GREEK WAR RELIEF

At the General Convention, Bishop Tucker stated that after the war he hoped that our Church would be in a position to help in the rehabilitation of the Orthodox Church in Greece. Meanwhile, the Greek War Relief has appealed to me to ask our help in securing warm, used clothing which will be shipped to Greece and distributed to the thousands of needy people there. Their headquarters are at 200 South 17th Street, Philadelphia. I would appreciate it if you could mention this fact in your parish bulletin. If clothes are brought to your church, the Greek War Relief Association will call there for them if you will telephone Pennypacker 4447. The Regional Director is Mr. Stephen C. Stephano.

OLIVER J. HART.

BISHOP AT CONSECRATION

Bishop Hart participated in the consecration of the Rt. Rev. J. Thomas Heistand as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Harrisburg, at St. Stephen's Cathedral, Harrisburg, on September 15th (Ember Day). Bishop Hart read the Litany and acted as a co-consecrator.

Clergyman Wants Homestead

I have served in the ministry 44 years: 25 of which was in the domestic mission field. I have frequently paid the rent myself on the house in which I lived. When the church was unable to pay the assessments on the Pension Fund it was paid out of my salary. I am very near retirement age and am informed I will receive about thirteen dollars per week with which to keep a shelter over wife and me, and to live on. If I only had a little "homestead" or "old farm" where I could live, perhaps I could get along. Have you a place to sell me? I invite investigation. Address Box D, The Church News, 202 So. 19th St., Philadelphia 3, Pa.

United War Chest

The United War Chest Campaign begins in Philadelphia November 28th asking that its goal of \$8,900,000 be oversubscribed and confident that it will be.

Its goal is greater this year and its call more urgent because with



war-time conditions its needs have increased enormously.

The United War Chest in 1944 must meet the needs of over 200 agencies, including 161 local social, health and youth agencies; 21 local servicemen's clubs, the National U. S. O., the United Seamen's Service, the War Prisoners' Aid and 14 foreign relief agencies.

Approximately half of the money goes to the 161 agencies on the home front—such as day nurseries, hospitals and clinics, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts, etc. These go to combat the evils of war as they are reflected in community life.

The money allotted for service to the armed forces goes for both local U. S. O. and associated servicemen's clubs and National U. S. O.

The United Merchant Seamen's Service provides temporary homes and home comforts for the merchant seamen.

The War Prisoners' Aid is for the men of the "barbed wire legion."

The United Nations Relief includes agencies which almost girdle the globe.

Episcopal Church institutions in the Diocese of Pennsylvania received from the United War Chest Campaign \$168,540 in 1943. The following table shows how the amount was distributed.

Church Mission of Help.....	\$7,336
Galilee Mission	15,420
House of the Holy Child.....	26,180

Phila. Protestant Episcopal

City Mission:

Family Welfare Dept.....	37,556
Home for Consumptives...	23,038
Seamen's Church Institute...	18,440
Sheltering Arms	21,596
St. Agnes' House	5,128
St. Martha's House	13,846

Total\$168,540

BISHOP TSU TO VISIT DIOCESE

The Rt. Rev. Y. Y. Tsu, D.D., Bishop of Yunnan, will visit the Diocese of Pennsylvania from December 17th to 22nd inclusive. Bishop Tsu was one of the outstanding speakers at General Convention.

75TH ANNIVERSARY, PHILADELPHIA CLERICUS

The seventy-fifth anniversary of the Philadelphia Clericus was held at Holland's Restaurant on Monday evening, October 25th. The Clericus was founded by Phillips Brooks in the autumn of 1868 while he was rector of Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia. Dr. Brooks desired to gather together kindred spirits among the clergy for fellowship and discussion.

At the Anniversary meeting, Bishop Hart was present, Dr. Leicester Lewis, the President, presided, and reminiscences of former years were given by Drs. David Steele, J. C. Ayer, and J. A. Montgomery. The anniversary address was made by Dr. Walter H. Stowe.

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\$60,000 Asked for Thanksgiving Day Offering

Special interest is attached to the Thanksgiving Offering this year because part of it is to be used for the renovation of the Nurses Home. Competition for students of Nursing is very keen now and unless a hospital has attractive, up-to-date quarters for its nurses, young girls who are prospective students will go elsewhere. So not only for the comfort of the nurses but to attract new students the equipment and appearance of the home has to be improved at a cost of \$50,000.

It is hoped that the Parish Offering on Thanksgiving Day will amount to at least \$60,000.

We Are Here to Serve

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- Please call upon us whenever you have news for THE CHURCH NEWS or the daily newspapers.
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GEORGE COPELAND,
Editor-in-Chief.

Women's Auxiliary

Supply Department

The Supply Department is responsible for ten personal boxes for missionaries and their families, and for outfits for two Indian Catechists. Most of our requests are for money and any small amount will help us to make up the total. The cut garments for five Missions are ready and will be sent out as requested. Second-hand clothing is needed for a Mission in Georgia, and we can arrange to send anything you may have. Sweaters are needed and wool is on sale in the office.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. THOMAS G. ASHTON

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. James Church has met with an irreparable loss in the death of our President, Mrs. Thomas G. Ashton, on September 5th.

It was all so sudden and unexpected, she seemed so full of life and interest last spring that we find it impossible to realize that we shall no longer have her to lead us.

She was a wonderful leader. Besides being interested heart and soul in the Auxiliary, she headed several other organizations in the Church.

She was head of the Lenten Work Society and in charge of all the Church flowers.

Mrs. Ashton became our President in 1939 after the resignation of Mrs. De Sousiat.

She was lovely to work with and to have as a friend as well as the spiritual leader of our Auxiliary.

There was nothing too much for her to do, no situation too difficult, and always did her share of the work as well as giving much of her time and money.

Her devoted service will be remembered and will act as a challenge to us who are left to keep our Auxiliary banner flying and to have more faith to live up to the high standard which she set for us.

As a tribute to her beautiful life, her name has been inscribed in the Book of Remembrance.

Therefore, be it resolved, that our deep sense of loss be recorded hereafter, and this Resolution be spread upon the minutes.

ST. JAMES BRANCH OF
THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. HERBERT ONYX

The members of the Church Periodical Club of the Diocese of Pennsylvania regret to announce the death of their beloved Director, Mrs. Mary Humphreys Onyx, on June 1, 1943, following a heart attack.

Mrs. Onyx's devotion to the C. P. C., her ability as a leader, and her untiring aid in this work, endeared her to all her associates.

She was affiliated with many other Church organizations and was a communicant of Holy Trinity Church, West Chester, Pa.

The sympathy of Mrs. Onyx's many friends is extended to her husband, Mr. Herbert Onyx, whose home, "Meadow Lake," is near West Chester.

A PRESENTATION

St. Thomas' Church, Whitmarsh (Rev. Nathanael B. Groton, D.D., rector), is presenting two Triptychs (backgrounds for altars) to the new Battleship Iowa, and the Chapel at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky.

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LIST ON REQUEST

RULING ON ELECTIONS

In response to a request by Rev. Charles H. Long, Secretary of the Diocese, for his opinion on whether a person who contributes only on the red side of a duplex envelope is qualified to vote at a parish election, Mr. Roland S. Morris, for the Committee on Charters, has made the following important rulings:

1. First, that "current expenses" as used in the canons does not include contributions for missionary purposes.

2. Second, that the question as to whether a person who contributes only to missions and not to "current expenses" can vote at a parish election will depend in each instance on the particular charter involved.

3. Third, that if the charter conditions voting-rights on contributions to "current" expenses, then the parishioner who gives only on the red side (to missions) is not a qualified voter.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

ADVENT SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 28, 1943

Corporate Communion for men
and boys in the respective parishes.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1943
8:00 P. M.

Annual St. Andrew's Day Meeting and Election of Officers, at Holy Trinity Church, 19th and Walnut Streets, 8 to 9:30 P. M. If conditions permit supper plans will be announced later. The speaker will be announced at that time.

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ESTATE OF BISHOP TAITT

The estate of Bishop Taitt, appraised at \$52,500, will eventually be for the benefit of Diocesan Missions. One thousand dollars was left to the endowment fund of St. Paul's Church, Chester. Several small bequests were made to individuals. The residue was placed in trust for Mrs. Laura Aigner, a sister. At her death the fund reverts to the Church Foundation as trustee for the Bishop Taitt Fund for Diocesan Missions. The executors are Mr. George Wharton Pepper and Mr. Samuel F. Houston.

Masonic Tribute

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, in September, Mr. William H. Brehm, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and a Vestryman of the Church of the Resurrection, Broad and Tioga Streets, presented and read a minute in tribute to the Rt. Rev. Francis Marion Taitt, who at the time of his death was a Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge.

Bishop Taitt was a member and Past Master of Lucius H. Scott Lodge, No. 352, Chester, Pa.; Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge from

1916 to 1920, and from 1935 to 1943; member and Past High Priest of Chester Royal Arch Chapter, No. 258, Chester, Pa.; Grand Chaplain of Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania from 1921 to 1943; member of Joppa Council, Royal and Select Masters, No. 46, Philadelphia; member of Red Cross of Constantine, Philadelphia Conclave No. 8, and Grand Chaplain from 1930 to 1943; member of Chester Commandery, No. 66, Knights Templar; honorary member Mary Commandery, No. 36, Philadelphia; Excellent Grand Prelate of Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, from 1932 to 1933; in the Ancient Scottish Rite, he was a member of Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, DeJoinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, Philadelphia Consistory (32nd Degree); crowned 33rd Degree and Honorary Membership in Boston, Mass., September 23, 1942.

A great portion of his life was devoted to Freemasonry and the Masons of Chester and Philadelphia. In closing, the minute states: "It is not only the Episcopal Church that has suffered a grievous loss in the death of Bishop Taitt, but all who knew him. While he walked among us, he brought us closer to God."

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This is merely a reminder, since I know that you never forget us. There are so many pleas at this time that I do want to impress upon you the importance of our Yule-tide appeal.

BLANCHE MCNEAL,
Publicity Chairman.

Mail: Mrs. J. Hector McNeal,
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CIVILIAN YOUTH CANTEEN

With emphasis being placed on entertaining our service men, Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, has opened a Youth Canteen in the Parish House for youth on the home front. Each Sunday evening, beginning at 5:30, a "snack bar" supplies light refreshments. Each of the women's organizations of the parish entertained here on various Sunday evenings throughout the month of October. At 6:30 there is a discussion group for youths, led by the Rector, Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach. From 7 to 7:50 those in attendance have access to the privileges of the Parish House, including games, dancing, lounging, and reading. For those youths who attend the one-hour Sunday evening service in the church, the privileges of the Parish House are extended from 9 to 11 P. M.

ST. MARGARET'S HOUSE

A Retreat for Women, Tuesday, December 7th—Holy Eucharist, 8:30 A. M.; Meditations, 10:15 A. M., 12:00 and 2:00 P. M.; Closing at 3:15 P. M. Conductor: The Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, S.T.D.

A Quiet Evening in Preparation for Christmas—Saturday, December 18th, from 4:30 to 9:00 P. M. Conductor: The Rev. J. Samuel Stephenson, Jr.

Please register promptly. There is overnight accommodation if desired. St. Margaret's House, 5419 Germantown Avenue.

RECTOR RESIGNS

The resignation of the Rev. J. Ogle Warfield, D.D., from rectorship of St. David's Church, Manayunk, Pa., was submitted to the Vestry on September 13th.

Due to his failing health at the present time, the Vestry accepted his resignation with deep regret. Dr. Warfield plans to rest for a time in a nearby community, after faithfully serving his rectorate of over twenty years with St. David's Church.

The Vestry desiring to show the value of his pastoral work, have honored Dr. Warfield by electing him Rector-Emeritus of this parish.

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The Episcopal Hospital is one of the hospitals designated by the Federal Government to have charge of the Blood Bank for use of civilians. This blood plasma is to be used in case of a bombing, a disaster like a railroad wreck or any other emergency. Any communicant of the Diocese willing to donate blood for this purpose is asked to get in touch with the Episcopal Hospital.

DIOCESAN NEWS

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A Baptismal window was dedicated on Sunday, October 10th, by the Rev. John Wesley Twelves, Rector of the Church of The Epiphany, Germantown. The window was the gift of James A. Murphey, in memory of his grandparents, James and Margaret Murphey. The window is the work of the D'Ascenzo Studios.

On the occasion of the last service of the Rev. Thomas A. Meryweather, Priest-in-charge of the Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli, was presented with a purse by his friends in the Church and a book inscribed with names. The Rev. T. Norman Mason, former Rector of St. Giles, Stonehurst, was instituted as Rector on Sunday, October 17th, 10:50 A. M., by the Rev. Charles Long, Secretary of the Diocese.

THE ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild of the Diocese will hold its Autumn Evening Meeting on Wednesday, November 3rd.

As has been the custom, there will be an evening of prayer and meditation. The service will be held in the Chapel of St. Clement's Church, 20th and Cherry Streets.

The Rev. Paul Weed, Rector of St. James-the-Less, will give the meditations. The first meditation will be at half-past five o'clock.

Each person is asked to bring her own supper, and coffee will be served. The service will close about 9 o'clock.

It is earnestly hoped all members of the Altar Guilds will try to be present. All women of the Diocese are welcomed to the service.

ST. JUDE'S CENTURY

The 99th anniversary of the Church of St. Jude and the Nativity was celebrated with a great service on Sunday, October 31st. The Rector, Rev. John L. Saunders, who has worked in this difficult field for many years, presided and Bishop Hart preached and administered Confirmation. Many former members who had moved away from the neighborhood returned to the old church home, which in spite of unfavorable changes in the community still carries on Christ's work—"A church with a heart in the city's heart."

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WHEREAS, it has been learned, with great sorrow, that Francis Marion Taitt, Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, has been called to the larger life in God's Eternal Kingdom;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of Christ Church in Philadelphia, express for themselves and for the members of this Parish to the Diocese of Pennsylvania and to Mrs. Martin Aigner, their sincere sympathy for the loss of one who as Bishop, Priest and Pastor endeared himself to all who knew him. Although he belonged to the many thousands of his flock, who will mourn the loss of his wise and kindly ministrations, none can feel as deeply the sense of separation as those of his own Parish, where his boyhood and young manhood were spent; where he knelt with his mother to fill himself with an inner light; where he first heard a still, small voice calling him into his Master's service; from whence he went forth, unashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, manfully to fight under His banner against sin, the world and the devil and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto his life's end. In the hour of our sorrow God gives us hope that He will, in His everlasting Kingdom, defend Francis Marion Taitt with His heavenly grace, so that he may continue to be God's forever, increasing more and more in His Holy Spirit.

E. FELIX KLOMAN,
Rector.

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Secretary.

Minute—Clerical Brotherhood

Whereas in His infinite goodness and His all-wise providence it hath pleased the Almighty Father to summon to Himself the soul of His faithful Servant, our beloved brother and head pastor, Francis Marion Taitt, Doctor of Divinity, Bishop of the Church of God in the Diocese of Pennsylvania: Therefore, be it resolved: That we, the members of the Clerical Brotherhood, representative of the entire body of the clergy of this Diocese, unite in making enduring record of the respect, affection and admiration which in memory we cherish for our Father-in-God, whom from us death hath severed. And further, of

the profound sense of loss felt by us individually and collectively in his departure from amongst us.

Not that our sorrow is unmitigated by consoling reflections which, as sunlight through clouds, radiate rejoicing and peace. It is much that he passed, as he would have wished, quickly: "with the long day done"; with all tasks finished; with personal preparation made; with faculties in full and conscious possession to the last; and with every possible provision arranged for the preservation and the development of the Diocese he loved so well. "His eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated." Nor had his actual and potential usefulness ended.

Reverently and thankfully we shall remember his unwavering cheerfulness; his constant faith and hopefulness, his utter loyalty to the Church, her practice and teachings; his balanced theological position; his firm, impartial and withal deeply sympathetic relation to the clergy; his vital interest in missionary support and growth; his eager solicitude for the honor of the Diocese and of the Episcopal Church; his genial nature and ready wit. We recall the honors of which Bishop Taitt was the worthy recipient; bestowed by parish, convocation, Diocese and the General Church; from town, city, and country, also from numerous civic, educational and religious bodies; and from the Masonic Fraternity.

We thank God we were privileged to share somewhat in his sixty years of life and labor, and to benefit in ours from his kindly help. No doubt for him as for old Valiant—for Truth "the trumpets on the

other side have sounded" welcome in clear and sweet consonance.

"May he rest in peace! and may light perpetual shine upon him!" Amen.

"As we rejoice in his triumphs, may we profit by his example!" Amen.

"May a double portion of his spirit rest upon us!" Amen. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

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Miss Rebecca S. Wadsworth, who died June 17th, bequeathed \$1,000 each to the Episcopal Hospital, the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and All Saints' Church, 11th Street and Snyder Avenue. The Rector of All Saints' Church, Rev. John E. Hill, was given \$1,000 and the Seamen's Church Institute, \$500.

Mrs. Maria G. B. Thomas, who died September 15th, provided in her will a bequest of \$500 to the Seamen's Church Institute.

On Sunday, September 19th, Rev. Charles E. Tuke, Rector, dedicated a new memorial window in the nave of St. John's Church, Lansdowne, the gift of Mrs. Frederick J. Siebrecht, in memory of her husband.

Shortly before his death, Bishop Taitt gave new furniture and other renovation for the women's rest room on the third floor of the Church House.

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The Annual Retreat for the clergy of the Diocese was held at Holiday House, Sellersville, September 13th, under the auspices of the Retreat Association. The Rev. A. Appleton Packard, O. H. C., was the Conductor and he directed the series of Meditations on the opportunities and duties of the Ministry as outlined in the Prayer Book Offices for the Making of Deacons and the Ordering of Priests.

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